

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 30 and 31, without prejudice. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:  
a first substrate and a second substrate sandwiching a liquid crystal layer  
therebetween,

said liquid crystal layer including liquid crystal molecules of p-type aligned in a first pointing direction generally perpendicular to said first and second substrates in a non-active state in which no electric field is applied to said liquid crystal layer;

a first polarizer disposed adjacent to said first substrate at a side opposite to a side of said first substrate facing said liquid crystal layer;

a second polarizer disposed adjacent to said second substrate at a side opposite to a side of said second substrate facing said liquid crystal layer;

a first electrode provided on said first substrate;

a second electrode provided on said second substrate,

said first and second electrodes forming an electric field acting therebetween in a direction oblique to said liquid crystal layer in a activated state in which a driving voltage is applied across said first and second electrodes, such that said liquid crystal molecules change a pointing direction thereof from said first pointing direction toward a second pointing

direction parallel to said first and second substrates, and  
first and second retardation films respectively having a positive and a negative  
optical anisotropy, both disposed in at least one of a first gap formed between said first  
substrate and said first polarizer and a second gap formed between said second substrate and  
said second polarizer, wherein said first retardation film is closer to said liquid crystal layer  
than said second retardation film such that when viewed from said liquid crystal layer, said  
second retardation film is located outside of said first retardation film,

said liquid crystal display device changing a state thereof from said non-  
activated state to said activated state by causing a change in a direction of said liquid crystal  
molecules from said first pointing direction to said second pointing direction in response to  
said electric field formed between said first and second electrodes.

29. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as claimed in  
claim 28, wherein said second electrode is located between two of said first electrodes when  
viewed in a direction perpendicular to said first and second substrates.

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